

Resolution Expanding Medicaid

WHEREAS, Durham prides itself on being the City of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated 18 percent of Durham County residents who are uninsured; and

WHEREAS, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides federal funding for states to expand Medicaid to all citizens earning less than 138 percent of the federal poverty level; and

WHEREAS, this Medicaid expansion would extend insurance coverage to more than 500,000 North Carolinians and save the state approximately \$65 million over ten years; and

WHEREAS, the Durham City Council thinks all residents should have access to quality, affordable health coverage;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The City Council urges the North Carolina General Assembly and the Governor to accept federal funds to expand Medicaid in North Carolina.
- 2) This resolution shall be effective on and after its passage, and shall be shared with the members of Durham's General Assembly delegation.